

Leave of Absence.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have received from the Hon'ble Member Sri A. C. Bandi Gowda, a Member of this Assembly, a request for leave of absence from attending the current sittings of the Assembly due to his illness. Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to the Member from attending the current sittings of the Assembly?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent from the current sittings of the Assembly, is granted to Sri A. C. Bandi Gowda.

MYSORE PANCHAYAT RAJ BILL, 1964

(As reported by the Joint Select Committee)

(Motion to consider)

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Development, Panchayat Raj and Co-operation) I beg.....

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Maddur).—There has been some confusion about the business before the House. I understood that this Panchayat Raj Bill would be taken up after the budget debate.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know who gave that assurance and whom the Hon'ble Member contacted. He did not contact me and I did not give any assurance. The Business Advisory Committee dealt with it. I think I mentioned to the House yesterday as to how this Bill and the other resolution regarding Survey Settlement could be discussed.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—After discussion in the Business Advisory Committee the time allotted for this was 14 hours. Subsequently in the meeting of the Whips it was suggested by the Whip of the Congress Party and the member representing the Treasury Benches that this Bill may be postponed and instead non-official business may be taken up today and that was agreed to. I was also present in that meeting. Then you suggested that it was the responsibility of the Treasury Benches to see that the concerned Ministers are also informed about this. Accordingly, the resolution of Sri V. S. Patil was to come up today. But all of a sudden I see in the Agenda for today that the Panchayat Raj Bill has been put for discussion. It is really surprising as to how this change took place.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri Sivappa is evidently not experienced with regard to certain matters. Negotiations are negotiations and not conclusions. Revised conclusions may displace old conclusions, but attempted negotiations to replace old conclusions do not displace old conclusions.